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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20006. ENTERED
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Re:

STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 237X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company - Abandonment Exemption - in Baltimore County, MD

Dear Mr. Williams:

The filings made by Mr. James Riffin in this proceeding on March 20, 2006 and March 27, 2006 are untimely, procedurally inappropriate, repetitive and irrelevant. Mr. Riffin made similar arguments and submitted similar information previously and gives no good reason why he should be allowed to add to that presentation, much less file a new petition for relief in this docket and at this stage in the proceeding. These filings are substantially unrelated to the merits of NSR's petition and provide no basis for relief or for denying NSR's petition. To the extent these filings constitute new matter and a new petition or cause of action, they should be filed (if at all) in a new docket with the appropriate filing fee, where interested parties can respond to the allegations and requests for relief raised in them under proper procedures and procedural schedules.

These filings contain immaterial information, factual errors, unsupported or illogical assertions, irrelevant case citations for propositions that the decisions do not support, a purported cause of action upon which the Board can not grant relief to Riffin and obvious erroneous, unsupported and unsupportable arguments and conclusions. Under the circumstances, however, NSR sees no reason to specifically address these matters. The Board should summarily reject Mr. Riffin's March 20 and 27 filings.

Very truly yours,

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